

REMARKS:

Applicant is appreciative of the brief telephone interview with Examiner Cohen on 10 August 2005 at which time applicant's attorney discussed applicant's prior pending application Serial No. 10/960,033 regarding the allowable subject matter therein. Applicant has now amended claims in the present case to better define the invention over the prior art by inserting certain of the subject matter of the previous application therein.

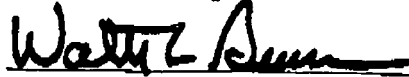
In the final rejection mailed 18 May 2005 applicant's claims 1, 3-17 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Wiegman in view of Jones.

Applicant has now canceled claims 1-5 and has modified independent claims 6 and 9 to incorporate the subject matter which was previously deemed allowable in Serial No. 10/960,033. Dependent claims 10, 12, 16 and 17 have also been modified.

Applicant believes with the modifications to independent claims 6 and 9 to which dependent claims 7, 8 and 10-17 depend that all remaining claims are now in condition for allowance over the prior art patents of Wiegman and Jones whether such art is considered severally under §102 or in combination under §103. Claim allowance is therefore respectfully requested at the Examiner's earliest convenience.

Respectfully submitted,

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